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Applicant submits this document in response to Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, dated November 2, 2007.

Applicant confirms Examiner's amendment to claims 28 and 31, and thanks the Examiner for allowing the pending claims 28-34 and 41. However, Applicant would like to point out that the amended claims 28 and 31 are not limited to "striking a first sphere, the first sphere being a player's sphere with a second sphere" (p.4 of Examiner's Amendment). Instead, both claims merely require that "one of the two contacting spheres is the player's sphere." Accordingly, the claims expressly allow one embodiment in which the player's sphere is the first sphere and another embodiment in which the player's sphere is the second sphere.

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